

HEROIC WAR MISSION

Solemn Farewell Scene on a Japanese Vessel.

GOODBYE SPEECH TO VOLUNTEERS

Captain Yatsushiro's Advice to His Brave Comrades Who Were Selected For the Second Attempt to Close Port Arthur Harbor—"Even When Wounded Still Work to the End," He Urged.

According to the Nichi Nichi Shim-bun, a Tokyo newspaper, copies of which have been received at the Japanese legation in Washington, an interesting and impressive scene preceded the departure from the Japanese battleship Asama of the five men of that vessel who were selected from among an overwhelming number of volunteers to take part in the attempt to close the entrance of Port Arthur by sinking merchant vessels. A translation of the Nichi Nichi Shim-bun's account follows:

"After the second attack on Port Arthur on the morning of Feb. 14 Admiral Togo perfected the plan of closing the entrance of the harbor and called for volunteers to man the five merchant vessels which were to be employed in the attempt. An overwhelming number of officers and seamen offered their services, and from among them the necessary number was selected, seventy-seven officers and men in all.

"On the night of Feb. 19, when the volunteers were about to embark on the vessels to which they had been assigned, enthusiastic ovations were given to them by their comrades on board the vessels of the fleet from which they had been selected. Among others a solemn scene was witnessed on the battleship Asama. In the presence of all the crew, who were collected on the upper deck, Captain Yatsushiro brought out a large silver bowl presented to him by the crown prince. He filled it with water, drank with each of the five volunteers who had been selected from the Asama and then addressed them:

"In ordering you to this almost certain fatal mission I feel as I would if I were sending beloved children to their deaths. Yet had I a hundred children I could not but wish that they might all have the privilege of going upon such a heroic mission. Or had I one, and but one, child I would equally desire that he might be chosen to face death in the performance of such a glorious duty. You, my brave comrades, have been chosen for this duty, and I adjure you, work, even when wounded and maimed, still work to the end!

"And, above all, never fail in strict and prompt obedience to the orders of your commander. Feeling that you will give heed to what I say, I am sure that I may safely send you upon this desperate mission. I do not need to say that you should be ready to give your lives for honor and for duty. Nevertheless, I do not mean that you should sell your lives cheaply, or that you will gain fame by sacrificing them needlessly. All that I mean is that you should not shrink from death in the performance of duty.

"I give you wine to take with you, not to be drunk for the stimulation of your courage, but solely for use in case of wounds or injury. Remember, you represent the Asama, and do not forget that it would be a disgrace to have it said that men from the Asama flaked their lives under the incitement of wine. I shall long for the glorious moment when you may return to us after the successful fulfillment of your duty and when we may testify our joy by drinking to you in the wine you now take with you.

"Go, therefore, my brave comrades. With perfect faith in the grace of heaven and courageous submission to the will of God, perform with serene confidence the important task intrusted to you."

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Jupiter is 1,387 times bigger than the earth, but only 300 times heavier. The normal heart beats about seventy times a minute and throws two ounces of blood at each contraction.

Neptune, the outside fence post of the solar system, is about thirty times farther from the sun than the earth is.

An oxycetylene blowpipe in which eight parts of acetylene to one of oxygen gas are used produces more remarkable results even than the oxyhydrogen flame. It will readily weld pieces of iron and steel together and will even melt silica and lime.

Checking a Cold. Check a cold or sore throat at the first symptoms by gargling the throat two or three times, respectively before going to bed with salt and cold water; also spray the nose with a solution of witch hazel. Very often these little remedies will ward off a bad cold. Chlorate of potash tablets may be used in place of salt if available.

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APPETITES

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DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

The greatest Roman Catholic heiress in England is Lady Margaret Crichton Stuart, the only sister of the Marquis of Bute.

Countess Marguerite Cassini of Washington is getting up a garden party for the Red Cross, to be given in the Capital City on May 6.

Mrs. Hubert Druce of San Francisco has aided in reviving private theatricals in Paris. She gives a theatrical performance every week at her home in the Rue Herran.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay, who has just published a fairly successful novelette, wrote the story in a log cabin situated a mile from her luxurious palace home, Harbor Hill, at Roslyn, N. Y.

Miss Mabel B. Higgins, an American girl, will represent this country, for the first time in the history of golf, at both the men's and women's championship games at Troon, Scotland, the first week in May.

Miss Mignon Palmer, a daughter of Emma Nevada, the opera singer, has entered the operatic field, and it is quite likely that mother and daughter will present the rare spectacle of appearing on the stage together.

At the recent elections of the associates of the Royal Academy of England Lady Alma-Tadema, although not elected to the sacred circle, received more votes than have been given to any woman since Lady Butler came within an ace of victory.

Miss Mary Harrison, who has just succeeded in winning an open scholarship at the Royal College of Music, London, for the violin, at the age of ten carried off the gold medal offered by the associated board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music from among 3,057 competitors.

FLY CATCHES.

President Herriman has started about \$5,000 worth of improvement on the Cincinnati ball park.

Barney Dreyfuss is negotiating the purchase of one of the best pitchers in the American league.

Johnny McGraw is now confident that he has the prize left hander he has been looking for in Mulligan.

Jesse Tannehill will receive the same money as he did in New York, Boston carrying out a two years' contract.

If Bob Lowe does not catch on with any of the big teams he will play short for Jack Menefee's Johnston (Pa.) club.

This should be Ewing's best season with the Cincinnati. He has as much speed now as he had at any time last year.

Sam Leever is reported as having trouble with his arm and as being downcast thereat, fearing permanent disability.

It may be long after the season opens before Christy Mathewson is able to pitch. His arm is troubling him at present.

A deal is on between the Birmingham and New York National clubs for Pitcher Munnah's release on a farming proposition.

THRONE LIGHTS.

King Peter of Servia has just had finished one of the finest crowns in existence from an artistic standpoint.

King Edward has conferred the rank and precedence of "royal highness" upon the son and two daughters of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

Queen Margherita of Italy is the possessor of a magnificent handkerchief which outshines in beauty any little square of lace on the continent. It is valued at \$10,000.

The king of Italy is noted for his frugality. This is due to the economic manner in which his father was forced to live in order to clear off the enormous debt left by his own father, Victor Emmanuel.

The Biggest Idol.

The biggest idol in the world is Dia Buten, the Japanese god, which is over sixty feet high. The image is made of copper, tin, mercury and gold and has been worshipped for more than twelve centuries.

Mountains in Japan.

Japan is so mountainous that but one-sixth of its area can be cultivated.

JAPAN IN WARTIME.

Glimpses of Troops Leaving For the Front.

AIRYLAND SCENES IN STREETS

Crowds Wait Patiently For Hours. Cheer and Wave Flags and Lanterns as Trains Pass by With Departing Troops—Deeds of Bravery to Be Rewarded by Certificates of Honor—Impassiveness of the Soldiers Contrasted With the People's Enthusiasm.

There have been scenes around the railroad station at Tokyo the last few weeks such like those in America in wartime, says Richard H. Little, the Tokyo correspondent of the Chicago News. Conscripts in bright new uniforms come down to take the train each with an escort of a dozen or so friends and relatives. As the bell rings a warning that the train is about to start there is a bowing and scraping and bobbing and a murmur of "banzai" and "sayonara." The train guards tear the soldier boys from the crowd and push them into the carriages and slam the doors, and the heroes are off for the war.

Troop trains have been pouring through in great numbers on the way to the mobilizing points south, and the Yokohama and Tokyo stations and platforms are gay with flowers and flags. The crowds wait patiently for hours just to see the trains go by and as they pass wave flags and lanterns. The flags are tastefully arranged, and some of the houses and stores are fairly hidden by creepers, mosses and hanging plants. Paper lanterns hang in an unbroken line down the street, and as night comes on they are lighted, and the faint glow from the lanterns lighting up the flowers, flags, banners and vines on the quaint buildings gives a fairyland appearance to the streets. News of the success of the Japanese fleet in the recent actions at Port Arthur inspired the patriotic to decorate their stores and houses. The decorations were profuse, but always in good taste and often of considerable artistic value.

The imperial bodyguard has left Tokyo. We miss the yellow faced uniforms from the street. The imperial bodyguard is the only organization in the Japanese army that wears yellow facing with a yellow band on the cap. All other organizations in the army, cavalry, infantry and artillery, wear a black cap with a broad red band.

The imperial bodyguard is composed of a division of all arms, infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers. The men composing the bodyguard come from all parts of Japan, while the other divisions are made up of residents of the provinces in which the divisions are located. The Japanese cavalry has a great attraction for the foreigner because, while the general excellence of the infantry and artillery is conceded, the Japanese cavalry, which is to be pitted against some of the best horsemen in Europe, is more or less under suspicion. The Japanese cavalryman, whatever he may do in battle with the Cossack, is pleasant to look at. His uniform—black short coat with baggy red trousers and patent leather boots—gives him a good appearance, and he rides well.

The Japanese cavalry may not be as good for shock action as the Cossacks, but the day of shock action is supposed to be almost past. The Japanese horse will get his rider to a given point as fast as any horse is capable of doing, and the rider himself is able to dismount and fight on the ground as well as any infantryman can. The Japanese cavalry constitutes an ideal mounted infantry organization, and experts declare that the new repeating rifles have made this the day of the mounted infantryman.

The government has provided its soldiers with a splendid equipment. In fact, the men seem to be provided with too many things and march almost bending under the heavy weight of blankets, tent rolls, cooking utensils, extra shoes and other things that they carry on their backs. They will get used to carrying this pack, however, long before they get to the front. Every day you can see regiments on the parade ground being put through a fatiguing skirmish drill in heavy marching order.

Under the Japanese system a raw recruit is not put under fire until long after he comes to be raw. The sending out of the regular army calls out the reserves. The regular army is put on a war footing by re-enforcement from the first reserve. The first reserve supplies this loss by taking men from the second reserve. All the reservists are men who have served their time in the regular army. Before the regular army has used up all its reserves at the front a new regular army of drilled and disciplined men will have been evolved out of the untrained recruits.

The custom known as "kanjo kisoku" has lately been revived in the Japanese army. On the face of it, "kanjo kisoku" seems a better way of rewarding a man for special gallantry on the field than by slowly lobbying a bill through congress, and finally giving the hero his reward after he has died of old age. In old time Japan there used to be a custom of handing to "samurai" on the field of battle or immediately afterward a document called "kanjo." This was done only in cases where quite exceptional prowess had been shown, and the value attaching to such a distinction was extraordinary.

In the subsequent distribution of more substantial rewards the owner of a kanjo received special considera-

tion. Even captains like Hideyoshi and Iyeyasu particularly affected the custom. Their knowledge of men and their experience in the field taught them what a powerful incentive was thus furnished to the brave and the strenuous. There exists to this day a well known book called "Bunjo Kanjo-ki," wherein are inscribed the names of those that obtained this distinction, together with facsimiles of the kanjo itself.

This custom has now been revived. A series of rules called "Kanjo-Kitei Kanjo Juyo Kitei" have been published. The first says that any independent commanding officer, whatever his rank, may bestow a kanjo on any person under his command when such person has shown exceptional merit in the face of the enemy and when his conduct is of a nature to constitute an example to military men. When a kanjo is granted the event is to be proclaimed to the army and navy, but in the event of subsequent misconduct the kanjo may be withdrawn. The fact of a grant is to be reported, together with the details, to the minister of state for the army or the navy, by whom the report will be submitted to the emperor.

The New York Post's correspondent in Japan thus describes some of the scenes connected with the departure of the Japanese troops from Tokyo for the front:

When we came to the railway station we were in the midst of a new detachment of reserves departing for the front. The macadam plaza before the entrance was covered with men and women under a forest of snapping red, white and purple banners, some with the symbol of the rising sun, some with ideographs in black or white paint, orange banded caps and crimson striped trousers; sturdy barelegged coolies in dull blue tunics embroidered in white, with angular designs, a circular one in the middle of the back, curiously suggesting laurel crowned Romans with their tight tied headbands, and women in gay kimono stooping under the doll-like children on their backs in pouches. Little boys and little girls ran underfoot, excited by the martial display. It made an animated scene.

There was no music, but there were cracking of fireworks and the din of continuous "banzais." Round each stand of colors, as detachments would leave the assemblage to entrain, there would be a few words by an officer, then a lifting of caps, a loud profession of loyalty and a rousing series of hurrahs.

"Ten thousand years! Great Japan for 10,000 years!"

The spirit was marvelously cheerful. We saw only two women in tears. These brushed them away quickly, as if ashamed. Japan's heart is gay even in sorrowful moments, and the characteristic emotional sign is a smile. I do not see how one can escape making that observation on the briefest acquaintance.

On the long platform beyond the gates there was a throng one could scarcely pass through, standing on baggage trucks, standing on one another's shoulders, shouting cheers to the troops in the cars. It rose to a tumult as the train started. Small paper flags waved, and a thousand shouts kept repeating farewell.

The train drew out of the station, and all along the road for five miles there was a continuous line of upraised hands and hoarse salutations. Girls of six carrying baby brothers and sisters on their little backs, boys scarcely two feet high, stood close and, spreading forth their arms, gave us "banzais" at the top of their voices. Laborers in the fields dropped their implements, and from isolated houses whole families rushed to make over the speeding train the same sign, which was a solemn sign of benediction.

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How many appreciate the fatigue that follows his Sunday work? The nerve-racking, brain-wearing duties that endure from week's end to week's end, from the beginning of the year to the close, and from one year to another?

But this cannot go on forever. Sooner or later a minister so pressed feels his energies waning. After a while there is a break-down—a physical and mental collapse. If he could only get out into the country for a month or two of absolute rest, but—why suggest such an impossible thing! We know that no minister can spare the time for this. Neither can any other business or professional man. The next best thing is to replenish the waning vitality by artificial means—to help Nature in her efforts to supply energy and nerve power.

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The people are not initiative or demonstrative. Later, traveling a day and a night in the same compartment with six Japanese military officers, it interested us that but a single time during the tedious journey did one of them speak to another or to any other countryman. In the morning they casually reached out the windows and obtained newspapers. The announcement of further victories at Port Arthur and information that the Russians had crossed the Yalu river into Korea caused no break in their common silence, yet everywhere on that ride with the Second reserves there were banners and arches of victory and wrought up people breaking "banzais." Not even the Dewey parade in New York gave plainer indication of what the hearts of the people were filled with.

Russia's Commissariat Problem. France Militaire contains an interesting study of the commissariat problem of the Russian army. For an army of 500,000 men and 100,000 horses 1,500 tons of food and fodder are required. This amount can be transported in six trains composed of from thirty to thirty-five cars, the loading of which requires not more than a day. But there are already at Mukden, Port Arthur and other points in Manchuria provisions for six months, and Manchuria and the Russian coast provinces are rich in grain and cattle. According to this study, in September Russia can dispose of 60,000 tons of grain produced on the spot in addition to 700,000 cattle and a vast quantity of pigs. During the summer the service which will be rendered by the waterways will relieve the Trans-siberian road.

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